



**Name:** Deane Rykerson

**Running For:** State Representative

**District:** 1

## Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine's nonprofit sector. Once we receive your response, your answers will be posted on our website at [www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates](http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates). Please respond no later than Friday, September 30, 2016.

Did you know nonprofits:

- **Employ 1 in 7 workers** in Maine.
- **Contribute \$10 billion per year** to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale sales, and professional services contracted.
- **Pay \$3.6 billion annually in wages**, which translates to approximately **\$206 million in personal income tax revenue**.
- **Mobilize 350,000 volunteers each year** to improve communities.

**1. Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations.**

As a preservation architect, I often work for preservation nonprofits and community organizations.

**2. Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to advance policies that strengthen Maine.**

reinforce tax credits, establish state office to strengthen nonprofits

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**3. What is your position on property tax exemption for Maine nonprofit property owners?**  
exemption

**4. Do you have any specific questions or need further information on any particular issue regarding Maine's nonprofit sector that we can help you with?**

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: [mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org](mailto:mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org)

Online: [www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates](http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates)

Via mail to:

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